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SUBJ: US-ITALY ENERGY WORKING GROUP (EWG): NEXT MEETING

REF: (A) ROME 14905, (B) STATE 219318, (C) STATE 208050

1. DURING DEPTEMBER 30 CALL BY ECOMIN, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) ENERGY COORDINATOR MIGLIUOLO REVIEWED MATTERS RE NEXT EWG MEETING:

(A) MEETING DATE: ECOMIN MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF OCTOBER 16 MEETING. MIGLIUOLO INDICATED THAT OCTOBER 16 WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. SCHEDULE WOULD BE SIMILAR TO LAST ROME MEETING; I.E., SESSION TO BEGIN AT 9-9:30 A.M. FOLLOWED BY WORKING LUNCH HOSTED BY MFA. OCT. 18-19 DIFFICULT FOR MIGLIUOLO DUE TO POSSIBILITY OF EC PRE-CIEC MEETING.

(B) AGENDA: MIGLIUOLO DID NOT OFFER SPECIFIC ITEMS; HE INDICATED THAT GOI WOULD WISH TO REVIEW PROGRESS THUS FAR IN THREE KEY AREAS (URANIUM, FINANCING, TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER), EXPLORE NEXT STEPS AND SET TO EXTENT POSSIBLE TARGET DATES FOR COMPLETION OR INITIATION OF AGREED ACTIVITIES.

2. MIGLIUOLO, RESPONDING TO POINTS RAISED REF C, REITERATED
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GOI CONVICTION THAT ITALY HAD RECEIVED NO RPT NO SPECIFIC

ASSISTANCE FROM IEA MEMEBERSHIP FOR ITS NUCLEAR ENERGY PLAN IN THE KEY AREAS OF URANIUM SUPPLY, FINANCIAL ASSISTNACE OR TECHNOLOGICAL INPUT. HE RECALLED THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE CREATION OF THE EWG: THE FORD-MORO EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WHEREIN PRESIDENT FORD REQUESTED ITALIAN ADHERENCE TO THE IEA LONG-TERM ENERGY PROGRAM AND MORO ACQUIESCED, ASKING THAT A SPECIAL, BILATERAL CHANNEL BE CREATED WHICH COULD BE UTILIZED TO SUPPLEMENT POTENTIAL SHORTCOMINGS OF THE IEA. HE REMINDED EMBOFFS THAT NUCLEAR ENERGY REPRESENTED ITALY'S ONLY POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE ENERGY STRATEGY AND CONCRETE FOREIGN SUPPORT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR ITALY TO ACHEIVE ITS COMMITMENTS UNDER THE IEA LONG-TERM ENERGY PROGRAM.

3. OTHER EWG ISSUES COVERED SEPTTEL. VOLPE

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